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NDRRMC UPDATE

Sitrep No. 01 re Preparedness Measures for Tropical Depression "PEPITO"

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I. SITUATION OVERVIEW

19 October 2020

At 2:00 AM, the Low Pressure Area East OF Catanduanes has developed into Tropical Depression (TD) "PEPITO". It was forecasted to intensify over the West Philippine Sea and may reach severe tropical storm category by Friday (23 October 2020).

At 4:00 AM, the center of TD "PEPITO" was estimated at 820 km East of Virac, Catanduanes (13.1 °N, 131.8 °E), moving West Northwestward at 20km/h. It has a maximum sustained winds of 45 km/h near the center and gustiness of up to 55 km/h. Gale Warning was in effect over the seaboard of Batanes, Cagayan, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, and Isabela due to rough to very rough seas (2.8 to 4.5 m) caused by the northeasterly surface windflow.

At 11:00 AM, TD "PEPITO" accelerates westward while maintaining its strength.

Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal (TCWS) No. 1 was issued in the eastern portion of Isabela (Palanan, Dinapigue, the eastern portion of San Mariano) and the northern portion of Aurora (Dinalungan, Casiguran, Dilasag)

At 5:00 PM, TD "PEPITO" slightly intensifies as it moves West-Northwestward. Today until tomorrow morning, light to moderate with at times heavy rains may be experienced over Quezon, Bicol Region, Eastern and Central Visayas, and Mindanao.

At 11:00 PM, "PEPITO" continues to move west-northwestward over the Philippine Sea East of Bicol Region. TCWS No. 1 issued in Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, Kalinga, Mountain Province, Ifugao, Benguet, La Union, Pangasinan, Aurora, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Zambales, Bulacan, Pampanga, Bataan, Metro Manila, Rizal, the northern portion of Quezon (General Nakar, Infanta, Real) including Polillo Islands, the extreme northern portion of Camarines Norte (Vinzons).

20 October 2020

At 1:00 AM today, the center of Tropical Depression PEPITO was estimated at 260 km East Northeast of Virac, Catanduanes (14.4 °N, 126.5 °E), moving West Northwestward at 20 km/h. Its maximum sustained winds of 55 km/h near the center and gustiness of up to 70 km/h

At 2:00 AM, TD "PEPITO" maintains its strength as it moves west-northwestward. Gale Warning is in effect over the seaboards of Batanes, Cagayan, Isabela, Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur due to rough to very rough seas.

At, 5:00 AM, "PEPITO" slightly accelerates West-Northwestward towards Northern-Central Luzon area. TCWS No. 1 is raised over Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, Abra, Kalinga, Mountain Province, Ifugao, Benguet, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, Aurora, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Zambales, Bulacan, Pampanga, Bataan, Metro Manila, Rizal, the northern portion of Quezon (General Nakar, Infanta, Real) including Polillo Islands, the extreme northern portion of Camarines Norte (Vinzons), and Catanduanes.

II. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

A. NATIONAL DRRM COUNCIL (NDRRMC)

1. NDRRM Operations Center (NDRRMOC)

- a. Maintained RED ALERT Status since COVID-19 response operations.
- b. Continuous monitoring and ensure dissemination of Weather Advisories, and General Flood Advisories to all concerned RDRRMCs/OCDROs through SMS, NDRRMC website, and official social media websites for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs).
- c. Conducted NDRRMC Meeting on 19 October 2020, 4:00 PM via video conferencing to discuss the weather updates and preparedness activities for TD "PEPITO".

2. DOST-PAGASA

- a. Presented weather updates during the NDRRMC Meeting on 19 October 2020.
- b. Continuous weather monitoring and provision of weather updates.

B. REGIONAL DRRM COUNCILS (RDRRMC)

RDRRMCs II, CALABARZON, CAR, and NCR are continuously monitoring their areas of responsibility. Further, said RDRRMCs are in coordination with their respective member agencies to ensure the widest dissemination of Weather Advisories, 24-hour Public Weather Forecasts, and General Flood Advisories through SMS, facsimile, and official social media websites.

1. RDRRMC II

OCD II

- a. Issued CVRDRRMC Memo No. 77 dated 19 October 2020 re maintaining of RED Alert status at the CVRDRRMC Operations Center.
- b. Convened the PDRA Core Group on 19 October 2020, 3:00 PM via Zoom.

DOH II

- a. Activated teams for possible deployment and prepositioned drugs, medicines, and other logistics.

- b. On Code White Alert.

DILG, DOST, DSWD, AFP, PNP, BFP, and PCG

- a. In close coordination with partners and continuous dissemination of advisories to teams/units/LGUs.
- b. Ensured the availability of response assets

PDRRMC Batanes

- a. Continuous dissemination of weather advisories.
- b. Continuous monitoring of AOR.

PDRRMC Cagayan

- a. Placed Task Force Lingkod Cagayan, PCCDRRMO Alpha Team, and responders on standby.
- b. Conducted inventory of resources.

C/MDRRMCs Appari, Baggao, Buguey, Lasam, Peñablanca, Sta. Ana, Solana, and Tuguegarao City

- a. On alert status and placed response teams on standby.
- b. Conducted inventory of resources.

PDRRMC Isabela

- a. Advised all M/CDRRMCs to closely monitor landslide and flood-prone areas within its respective AOR.

C/MDRRMCs Cauayan City, Jones, Maconacon, and Santiago City

- a. Activated EOC and prepared Disaster Response Equipment ready for deployment.
- b. Strict monitoring of water levels and river systems.

PDRRMC Nueva Vizcaya

- a. Placed rescue equipment including vehicles, land, and boat on standby.
- b. Alerted and placed Nueva Vizcaya SAR Unit, PRC Nueva Vizcaya chapter ERU on standby.

MDRRMC Ambaguio

- a. Advised Punong Barangays to take necessary actions and precautionary measures in relation to the possible effects of TD "OFEL".
- b. Placed heavy equipment on standby for immediate clearing operations.
- c. Prepositioned rescue equipment.
- d. Placed rescue volunteers and frontlines on standby.

MDRRMCs Aritao, Bambang, Dupax del Norte, Dupax del Sur, Kasibu, and Quezon

- a. Activated EOCs and placed response teams and equipment on standby.
- b. Coordinated with the MDRRMC member-agencies and BDRRMCs.

PDRRMC Quirino

- a. Activated the EOC and maintained all communication lines on 24/7.
- b. Prepositioned rescue equipment.
- c. Enforced strict monitoring of AOR, roads and bridges, and water level.

MDRRMCs Aglipay, Cabarroguis, Diffun, Maddela, Nagtipunan, and Saguday

- a. Activated EOC and prepositioned stockpile.
- b. Placed response personnel, equipment, and logistics on standby.
- c. Maintains all communication channel operational 24/7.

2. RDRRMC CALABARZON

OCD CALABARZON

- a. Participated in the NDRRMC Meeting via VTC on 19 October 2020, 4:00 PM.
- b. Conducted Regional PDRA Meeting on 19 October 2020, 6:00 PM via Zoom.

DSWD CALABARZON

- a. Emergency Operations Center is activated and Quick Response Team on alert.
- b. 8,200 Family Food Packs are ready for augmentation.

DILG CALABARZON

“Hotdog” forecast disseminated to Provincial Office for further dissemination to other LGUs.

DENR-MGB CALABARZON

- a. Continuous issuance/dissemination of list of barangays susceptible to flooding and rain-induced landslides.
- b. Recommended to monitor areas recently affected by TD “OFEL”.

BFP CALABARZON

Implementation of “Oplan Paghahanda Laban sa Sakuna”.

PIA CALABARZON

PIA provincial offices in the whole region are placed on alert for update monitoring and augment the IEC activities of LGUs and other agencies by posting these on PIA’s Viber and Facebook messenger.

PDRRMCs Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon

- a. In close coordination with LDRRMOs.
- b. Prepositioned assets.

3. RDRRMC CAR

OCD CAR

Facilitated the conduct of Regional Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) Meeting on 19 October 2020 with RDRRMC Members thru VTC.

DOST CAR

Continuous monitoring and maintaining of Community-based Flood Early Warning System in coordination with DOST-ASTI and LGUs.

DILG CAR

Continuous monitoring of LGUs’ preparedness actions and dissemination of weather updates.

DSWD CAR

- a. Placed Emergency Communications Team on standby.
- b. A total of 16,045 FFPs and varieties of Non-Food Items are available.

DICT

Provision of free internet to augment the communication activities in the region.

DA CAR

- a. Issued Early Warning Advisories for APCOS to coordinate with LGUs and farmers to harvest mature crops in anticipation for possible flooding.
- b. Ensured the availability of seed buffer stocks.

MGB CAR

Issued list of barangays which are susceptible to landslide and flooding based on 72-hour model of PAGASA.

AFP, BFP, PNP, DOH, NTC, PIA, and Local DRRMCs

Continuous monitoring of situation in the region and coordinated with their respective counterparts/partners.

4. MMDRRMC**OCD NCR**

- a. Monitored and disseminated MGB-DENR cumulative list of barangays susceptible to landslide and flooding based on DOST-PAGASA rainfall.
- b. Attended the NDRRMC meeting via VTC.

NCRPO

- a. Encouraged units to coordinate with concerned line agencies within AORs.
- b. Manila Police District coordinated with the LGUs for possible evacuation places for families affected by TD "OFEL".
- c. Eastern Police District implemented PNP Enhanced Managing Police Operation Strategy to address the safety and security in respective areas
- d. QCPD tasked personnel to wear basic PPE during the possible conduct of rescue operations.

DILG NCR

- a. Shared online monitoring templates with the DILG Field Offices, which they shall accomplish, concerning the LGU weather situations and LGU preparedness and response actions, based on Operation L!sto protocols.
- b. Informed LGUs to take necessary preparedness actions based on Operation L!sto protocol, including the implementation of pre-emptive evacuation and/or forced evacuation, if necessary.

LDRRMCs

- a. Continuous monitoring of weather advisories to all barangays especially flood-prone areas.
 - b. Placed responders and assets on standby.
 - c. Activated EOC.
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